(*d*) what steps, if any, the Government have taken or propose to take in this connexion; and

(*e*) whether any special staff is proposed to be appointed in the localities for the purpose of putting down crime after detailed investigation into the matter?

A.—(*a*) A special staff of one inspector and two sub-inspectors was sanctioned in 1923 to investigate the question of the manufacture and disposal of bombs, the increasing use of which in connexion with the commission of crime in the districts of Kurnool and Cuddapah was at that time a disturbing feature. In 1925 it was reported that this special staff had produced good results and that the use of bombs for the commission of crimes had diminished.

(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) Crime has always been heavy in the Ceded districts and is due to the prevalence of faction, the existence of a number of criminal tribes and the backwardness of the area. Apart, however, from the bomb outrages, the crime presents no special features to call for particular investigation or treatment.

(*e*) No.

Irrigation.

Construction of a dam at Kilikudu.

* 1477 *Q.*—Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is finally settled to build a dam at Kilikudu (Trichinopoly district); and

(*b*) whether the villagers protest against the dam being built at the spot proposed?

A.—The construction of the dam was sanctioned in December 1924. It was then proposed to construct it for a length of some 4,000 feet above the place where the breach occurred in the floods and some 2,000 feet below. In consequence of a petition, the Chief Engineer has been asked to report further about the height of the dam and the possibility of dispensing with the section proposed for the length below the breach.

Police.

Circular to sub-inspectors of police regarding uniform.

* 1478 *Q.*—Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has sent a circular to the sub-inspectors of police to gather information in regard to their desire to have cross-belts as a part of their uniform; and

(*b*) if so, what action he proposes to take on the information received?

A.—(*a*) In pursuance of the undertaking in the answers to supplementary questions asked in connexion with question No. 669 on 30th October 1925, the Inspector-General of Police was consulted in the matter.

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(b) The Government do not propose to take any action. The supply of cross-belts to sub-inspectors is unnecessary and would involve considerable extra expenditure.

Rao Sahib P. V. Gopalan :—" May I ask the hon. the Law Member what was the opinion expressed by the sub-inspectors, and if they expressed the opinion in favour of having cross-belts ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" Some are in favour of it."

Rao Sahib P. V. Gopalan :—" I wish to know whether European sergeants in the same grade as sub-inspectors are not supplied with cross-belts, and if so why such cross-belts should be denied to Indians."

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" They are, Sir."

The Police Administration Reports.

* 1479 Q.—Mr. G. Rameswara Rao : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state why, while in the administration report of the City Police the subject of political activities is dealt with in a separate chapter, in the Police administration report for the districts the same is dealt with under the part headed ' Statistics of crime ' ?

A.—The arrangement of the administration report is left to the discretion of the Inspector-General of Police and the Commissioner of Police.

State Prisoners.

Bengal State prisoners in Madras jails.

* 1480 Q.—Mr. V. Pantulu Ayyar : Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Bengal State prisoners Messrs. Das, Ganguly and Gupta are now confined in Trichinopoly and Messrs. Sen, Sirkar and Majumdar at Cannanore or in any of the Madras jails ; if so, when they were received in this province and the reasons for the same ;

(b) whether it is a fact that Mr. Das ever suffered badly from duodenal ulcer and that Mr. Ganguly from nasal catarrh and cystites ; if so, what arrangements were made by the Government for their treatment ;

(c) whether any Civil Surgeon or any other doctor recommended to the Government advocating medical treatment for them and, if so, with what result ;

(d) whether it is a fact that the above mentioned State prisoners have been put into punishment cells in this province ;

(e) what were the privileges allowed to these detenues in Bengal and Burma and in this province ; and

(f) if they were deprived of any of the privileges previously enjoyed by them, the reasons for the same and the authority responsible for it ?

A.—(a) Certain prisoners have been transferred to Madras jails ; the Government are not prepared to specify the jails in which they are confined or the reasons why they have been transferred to this Presidency.